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1. The Georgian Coal Sales Agency (GruzUgleSbyt) was charged with centralizing the disposal of coal produced in the Georgian SSR.

GruzUgleSbyt was probably set up about 1938. Its main office was on Dzeladze Street in Tbilisi. GruzUgleSbyt (through its Chief Directorate) was subordinate to the All-Union Ministry of the Coal Mining Industry.

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2. In general, the disposal of all mined or manufactured products in the USSR was centralized in the same way as production itself. In preparing annual production plans, each enterprise in the USSR would indicate how much coal of what quality it would need in order to fulfill its plan; these requests for coal would then be forwarded through channels to the Chief Directorate, GruzUgleSbyt, Ministry of Coal Mining Industry, Moscow, where a detailed breakdown of assignments would be made for the individual Republic

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UgleSbyty. The Republic UgleSbyty, in turn, would make assignments necessary to meet the request to its subordinate agencies attached to the individual coal mine trusts or coal mine administrations [redacted]

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3. The GruzUgleSbyt had three regional UgleSbyt agencies:

- a. Tkvibuli UgleSbyt, attached to the Tkvibuli Coal Mine Trust in Tkvibuli;
- b. The Tkvarcheli UgleSbyt, attached to the Tkvarcheli Coal Mines Trust located at the Pravyy Bereg settlement in Kvezani;
- c. The Akhaltsikhe UgleSbyt, attached to the Akhaltsikhe Coal Mines Administration in Akhaltsikhe.

4. The head of GruzUgleSbyt was SHARIA (fnu). [redacted]

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[redacted] there were the following sections: commerce (Otdel Sbyta ili Torgovyy Otdel), accounting office, and transportation.

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5. [redacted] the price of stone coal sold by UgleSbyt agencies throughout the Georgian SSR and probably in the entire USSR during the post-World War II period, regardless of its quality [sic], was 110 rubles per ton.

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